

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-17, 19-24 & 26-72 remain in this application. Claim 27 has been withdrawn. Claims 2 & 18 have been canceled.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 8-12, 14-17, 19-24 and 26 are directed to allowable subject matter. Claim 27 has been withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction. Claims 26-72 add additional features from the specification.

Claim 1 has been amended to add an additional feature from page 14, lines 12-13 of the specification and to remove "of the kind."

Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claim 3 has been amended and depends from amended claim 1.

Claim 4 depends from amended claims 1 and 3.

Claim 7 depends from amended claim 1.

Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the original base claim 1 and intervening claim 7, and is allowable per the Examiner's suggestion.

Claims 9-12 depend from amended claim 8, and are allowable per the Examiner's suggestion.

Claim 13 depends from amended claim 1.

Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the original base claim 1 and intervening claim 13, and is allowable per the Examiner's suggestion.

Claims 15-17 depend from amended claim 14, and are allowable per the Examiner's suggestion.

Claim 18 has been canceled.

Claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the original base claim 1 and intervening claim 18, and is allowable per the Examiner's suggestion.

Claims 20-24 depend from amended claim 19, and are allowable per the Examiner's suggestion.

Claim 25 depends from amended claim 1.

Claim 26 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the original base claim 1 and intervening claim 25, and is allowable per the Examiner's suggestion.

Claim 27 has been withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction. In view of the Examiner's earlier restriction requirement, Applicant retains the right to present claim 27 in a divisional application.

Claim 28 has been amended to add an additional feature from page 14, lines 12-13, of the specification and to remove "of the kind."

Claims 29-33 depend from amended claim 28.

New Claims 34-72 add additional features from page 14, lines 3-6, page 13, lines 18-21, page 14, lines 12-13, Figure 7, and page 22, lines 18-19, of the specification.

The abstract has been amended, per the Examiners' suggestion.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims 1-26 and 28-72 are patentable. Therefore, favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1-26 and 28-72 is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any of the remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312)372-7664.

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